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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion re: Emergency Standby Facilities

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1. Mr. [redacted] called on me on 28 October 1953 to engage in preliminary discussions concerning the possibilities of acquiring certain standby housing facilities.

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2. It appears that [redacted] has been assigned the task of conducting a survey for the purpose of acquiring certain standby housing facilities which could be used by the Agency in the eventuality of certain types of emergency or disaster. He advised that in connection with this survey he had held certain preliminary discussions with G.S.A. regarding the possibilities of acquiring the use of [redacted] state which is now under the custody of G.S.A. and is not being used for any official purpose by Government.

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3. G.S.A. has indicated that this installation might be made available to this Agency provided we are able and willing to reimburse them for the cost of maintenance, which is calculated at approximately \$60,000. per annum. I advised Col. [redacted] that we could make appropriate arrangements to reimburse G.S.A. at the proper time providing, of course, that a formalized [redacted] was approved covering the program as a whole. I further advised him that it would probably be necessary to clear this matter with the Bureau of the Budget to prevent later compromise in view of the fact that there is a continuous and rather exhaustive survey being made of idle Government installations. [redacted] emphasized that this discussion was preliminary and that he would contact us again for advice and assistance after his survey had progressed and he had secured the necessary formal approvals within the Agency.

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